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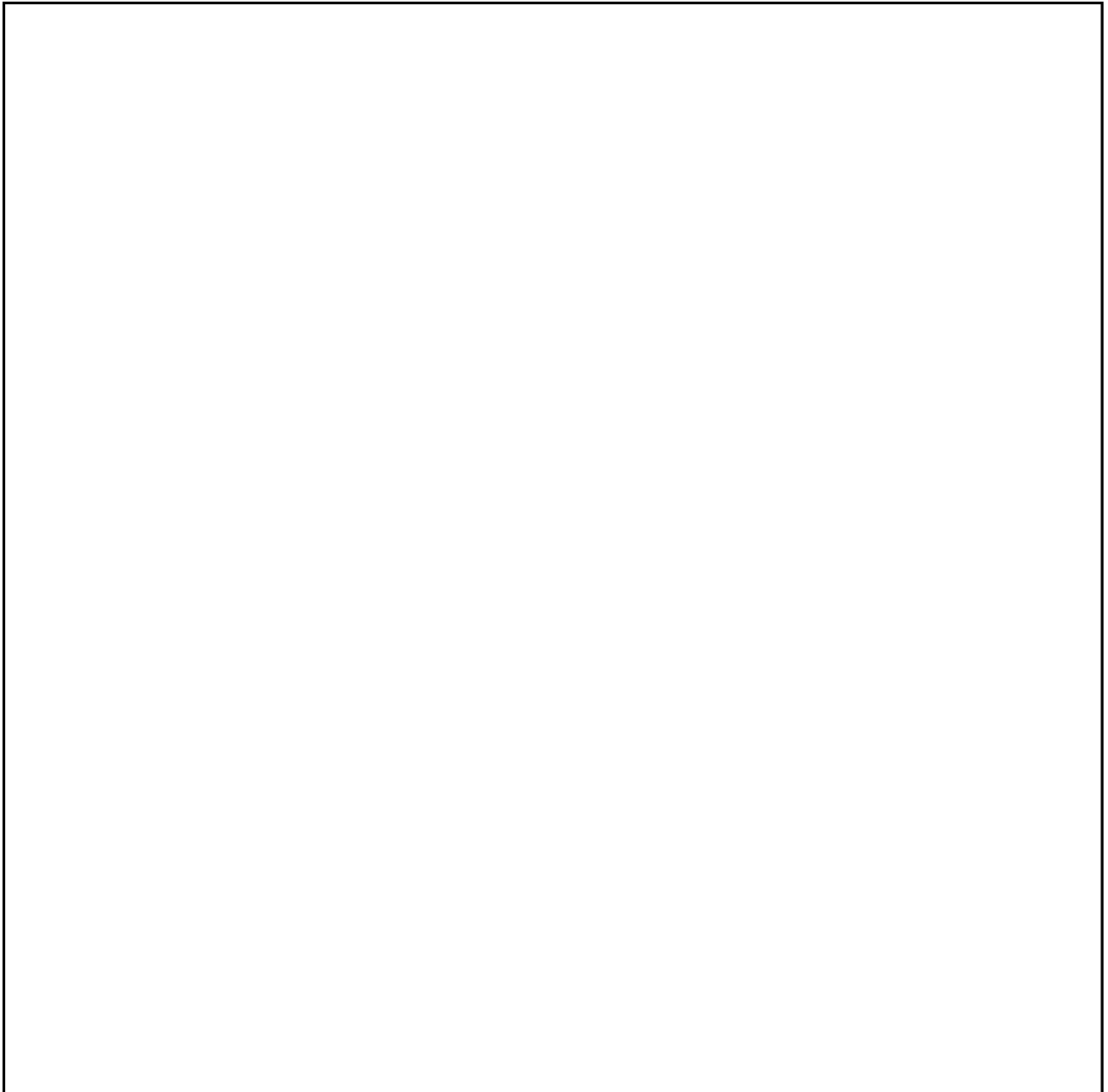
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BACKUP

I. Middle East

SOVIET REACTIONS



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BACKUPI. Middle East (cont'd)IRAQ-IRAN

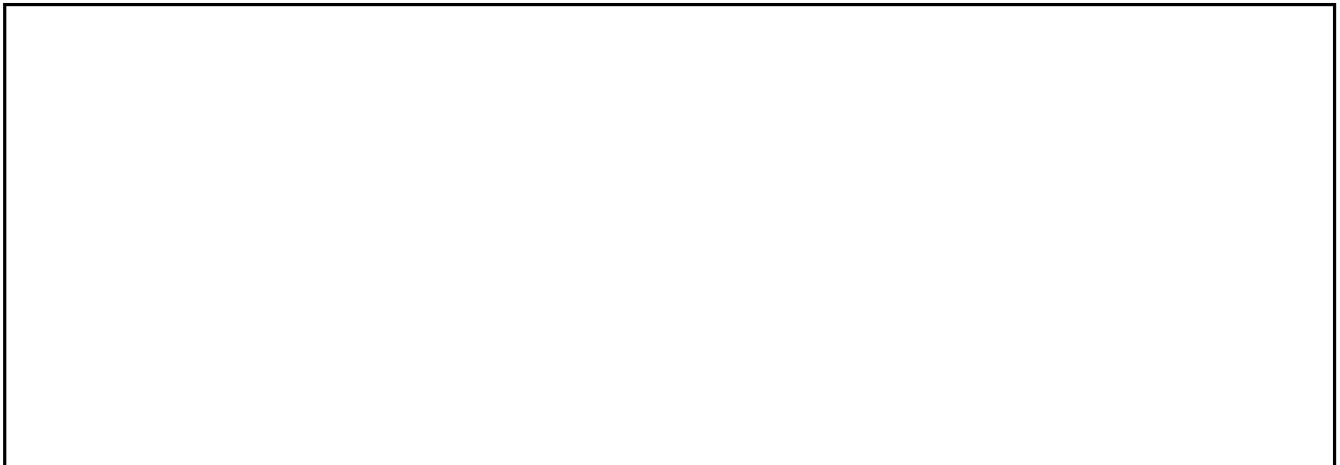
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1 The Committee concludes that there will be
2 no military attack on the United States or
3 its overseas forces in the near future.

4 Subjects of immediate concern are discussed
5 below.

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20 2. The Iraqi government's offensive against the Kurds in
21 northeast Iraq appears to have spent itself, and the rebels
22 appear to be planning to initiate a winter offensive during
23 which they will probably regain the territory they lost to
24 the Iraqis. Some danger of a military confrontation between

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25 Iraqi and Iranian forces along their common border will re-
26 main as long as Iranian army units are committed on Iraqi
27 territory in direct support of the rebel forces. [REDACTED]

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28 II. USSR-Eastern Europe

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29 3. We see no indications of hostile intent in the military
30 activity of the USSR or other Warsaw Pact nations. [REDACTED]

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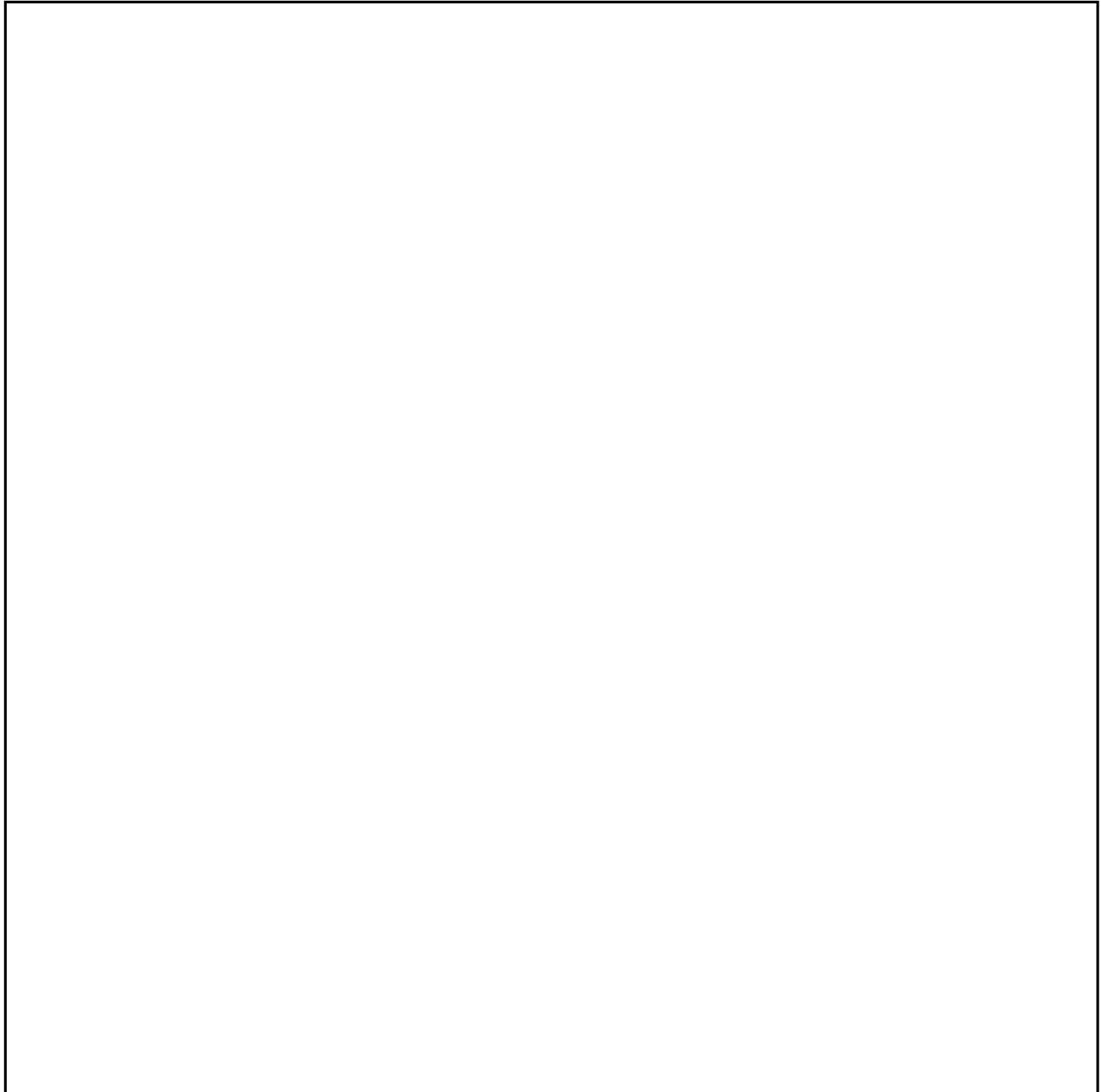
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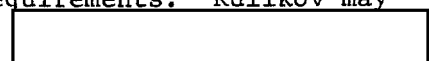
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